Medical aid to Noornad.

249. * MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have received representations from the people of Noornad and adjoining pakuthies for the opening of a dispensary at Noornad; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Arrangements have been made to dispense medicines to the outside public from the dispensary attached to the Leprosy Sanatorium, Noornad.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: With regard to the arrangement made to dispense medicines to the public outside Noornad, May I know from what date the arrangement has been made?

DR. S. JOHN: One of the doctors there, is dispensing medicine from the dispensary that is available to the outside public. But, for people inside, there is the sick ward.

The District Hospital, Alleppey.

250. MR. P. S. MOHAMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the scheme of work sanctioned by the Government for improving the District Hospital, Alleppey;

(*b*) whether the department has done any improvement in the hospital under the scheme;

(*c*) if not, the reasons for the same; and

(*d*) if they have done any, the nature of the same?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Construction of additional wards and providing other amenities for accommodating 300 patients.

Remodelling of existing buildings, postings of additional staff including specialists.

Introduction of X-Ray and other special branches of Electro-Therapeutics.

Introduction of Unit System.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of answer to part (b)

(*d*) 1. Unit System has been introduced, an additional Deputy Surgeon being placed in charge of Medical Wards.

2. Orders have been placed for a Thermospectral lamp for Ultra Violet and Infra Red Therapy (Light treatment). It is expected to be installed in a few days' time.

3. Opening of an Ophthalmic Section under an experienced person.

4. Supply of an Ambulance Van for the conveyance of patients.

5. Preparation of the plan and lay-out of the new buildings are being carried on.

6. Additional subordinate staff has been posted.

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